(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to lake for setting up of a nodal Ministry to coordinate .scientific activities of different departments of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These are enclosed. *{See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 57].

(c) The Department of Science & Technology, under the Ministry of Science & Technology, has been given the responsibility for coordination of areas of science and technology in which a numbe$_r$ of institutions and departments have interests and capabilities.

Per capita income in Orissa

1595. SHRI BASUDEV MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what was the per capita income in Orissa during the year 1986-87;

(b) what are the comparativ$_e$ statistics fo$_r$ the last three years, and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase the per capita income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS TRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) As per the quick estimates. the per capita net State domestic product of Orissa at 1970-71 prices is Rs. 535 for the year 1986-87. The comparative figures for 1984-85 and 1985-86 were Rs. 484 and Rs. **551** respectively.

(c) Per capita incom$_e$ of Orissa is lower than thg average for the country as a whole. Fo$_r$ the removal of such imbalances in case of the State of Orissa and other similarly placed States the following measures have been adopted:— Central assistance for the State Plans is allocated in accordance with the Modified Gadgil Formula. As per thi$_s$ 20 per cent of the total central assistance meant fo$_r$ non-special category States is allocated among States whose per capita income is below the national average. Orissa is one of the beneficiary States under this criterion. Tims 42.36 per cent of the Seventh Plan outlay of the State of Orissa is t$_0$ be financed through central assistance against the average of 34.87 per cent for all ihe States. Further such States ar$_e$ also allocated special Market Borrowings to enable them to have higher plan size. Orissa has been allotted a total market borrowing of Rs. 441.82 crores for th$_e$ Seventh Plan which included Rs. 189.19 crores of Special Market Borrowings.

Seventh Plan of Orissa has been fixed--at Rs. C700 crores which i$_s$ 80 Pf $_r$ "cent higher than its Sixth Plan outlay as against an average increas$_e$ of 65.8 per cent for all States. 64 per cent of the total outlay for the Seventh Plan ha$_s$ been allotted to Agriculture & Allied Services, Rural Development, Irrigation and Energy sectors. Poverty alleviation programmes like Integrated Rural Development Programme **(**IRDP)$_>$ National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLFGP) are under implementation in the State.

These measures are expected to generate income and employment and thus laisc the per capita income of the State of Orissa.

Mid-Term Appraisal of the seventh plan by FICCI

1596. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state;

(a) whether a mid-term appraisal of the Seventh Plan, carried out by FICCI, has suggested a much faster rfcte of growth of economy during the remaining two years of the Plan to achieve the Plan targets; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?